

May 1969

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

*The original minutes for the period during which Kim Fernie - VE3EFW was Secretary Treasurer are not available. This, and other missing minutes have been complied from the relevant issue of High-Q.*

*The June High-Q had no full record of a May meeting, however there were various reports worth mentioning here. Jim - VE3UA.*

The Executive of the Lakehead Search and Rescue Unit met in May where discussions included the possible purchase of a '65 Chevy truck. Thoughts expressed at the time suggested the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club should proceed with the acquisition of some type of roof mount for use on this potential mobile search site.

The Search and Rescue Unit also wanted a representative from the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club to act as an official representative of our Club and attend future Search and Rescue Unit meetings. A volunteer to accept this responsibility was sought.

Distinctive jackets and caps to identify members of the Search and Rescue Unit and amateurs involved in searches was discussed as well.

On May 11, the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club, in cooperation with the Lakehead CB Club, provided communications for the Thunder Bay Autosports Club 200 mile rally. The following amateurs were involved: Les Harris - VE3AYZ/m and Kim Fernie - VE3EFW/m along with VE3ZCD, under the control of Frank Start - VE3AJ, Peter Boyle - VE3DPJ; and Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW. In an earlier test with Les Harris - VE3AYZ over the route on the previous Friday, signals were very good, nothing under S-6 at the shack of Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW. However, such was not the case on the 11th. Noise at VE3ZCD was very bad, and there was some difficulty in copying Les until he was very close to town. This was attributed generally to band conditions. Also, the CB'ers had their share of problems, and also there was a great lack of coordination between the two systems. One reason for this was the lack of adequate time to make preparations (one week). Any similar events should be planned well in advance, in order to get rid of any possible bugs, and also to get the necessary number of mobiles on the road. There is another coming in the fall, apparently a 600 miler, so if they want us, there will have to be a lot of advance notice.